GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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LINKING OF RIVERS
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have appointed any committee or an Expert team to make a study of the possibilities of interlinkage of major rivers of the country to form the nucleus of the National water grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government undertake to explore the possibilities of interlinking major rivers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministryof Water Resources) and Central Water Commission had in 1980 formulated a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development, which envisages inter linkages between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins for optimum utilisation of water resources. The Government has established National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in July 1982 to carry out the water balance and other studies of National Perspective Plan and to prepare feasibility report of the links.